

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 4, 2005.

Claims 1 to 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Von Kohorn in view of Wang.

Claims 16 and 17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable.

The Office Action stated that Von Kohorn shows an illuminated vase with the fluorescent light bulb light source in a waterproof chamber. The Office Action further stated that Wang shows a plurality of LEDs, a controller and switches for providing decorative lighting in an artificial environment.

The invention of the present application in Claim 1 claims an optical fiber illuminating a flower in a water-filled vase. There are no optical fibers in Von Kohorn.

The invention of the present application in Claim 1 claims a light source and a power source in a waterproof housing submerged in the water of the vase. The light source in Von Kohorn is not submerged but in a separate dry chamber adjacent to the bottom of the vase. There is no power source shown in Von Kohorn.

The invention of the present application in Claims 2, 3 and 4 claims a LED light source, a light source switch and a control circuit for the light source. Von Kohorn discloses none of these claimed elements.

The invention of the present application in Claims 11, 12 and 13 claims a multi-colored light source. Von Kohorn discloses no such claimed element.

The invention of the present application in Claim 1 claims at least one flower in a water-filled vase. Yang, although well examined by the Patent Office, does not disclose a flower but an artificial plant. Yang does not disclose a vase and does not disclose a water-filled vase. The use of artificial plant in Yang teaches away from a water-filled container since artificial plants do not need water.

The invention of the present application in Claim 1 claims a light source and a power source in a waterproof housing submerged in the water of the vase. The light source in Yang is not submerged (since there is no water) and is located in a separate dry chamber adjacent to the

bottom of the vase. The power source in Yang is AC and as best seen in Figure 2 (the unnumbered power cord shown in partial view) is external to the housing and the artificial plant display. The claimed power source in the present application is internal within the waterproof housing.

There is no obvious reason to combine Von Kohorn in view of Wang. The power sources are different, the light sources are different, and the control circuits are different. The two references are alike in having the light source be external to the vase while the present application claims a light source within the vase.

The Applicant, through the undersigned Attorney, respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of the claims in the October 4, 2005 Office Action and allowance of all claims.

If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (310) 820-9869.

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